## City of Bothell

## **PROCLAMATION**

## Pride Month

**Whereas**, the month of June is designated Pride Month to honor and celebrate our lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex, and asexual family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers; and

**Whereas**, we commemorate the June 1969 Stonewall riots that resulted from ongoing harassment of New York's trans and queer community by the New York Police; and

**Whereas**, the Stonewall riots served as a catalyst for the LGBTQIA rights movement, leading to the establishment of safe places for people to express sexual orientation and gender expression without fear, and landmark changes in public policy to protect the civil rights of all peoples; and

**Whereas**, further progress is needed to ensure these protections remain for all members of the LGBTQIA community, yet we celebrate the substantial gains that have been achieved; and

**Whereas,** in solidarity with the LGBTQIA community, the Bothell City Council affirms the City's commitment to protect and serve everyone who resides in, works in, studies in, or visits Bothell without discrimination.

**Now, therefore**, I, Liam Olsen, Mayor of the City of Bothell, encourage all community members to join us in this special observance and do hereby proclaim June 2021 as "PRIDE MONTH" in the City of Bothell.

Signed this 1st day of June, 2021.

Liam Olsen, Mayor

I Am Olsen

